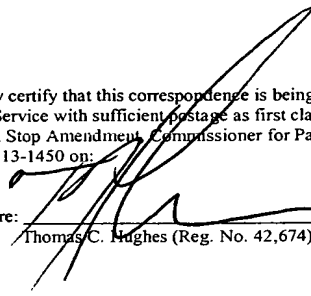


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In response to the Office Action of September 28, 2006, transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of September 28, 2006. The extended period for response expires on February 28, 2007. Please charge the \$225.00 (small entity) extension fee and any other fee that may be required or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

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